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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, CCI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Possible Missile Container, Guba Okolnaya, USSR

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement CCI/28/63
(b) CIA/PID Project C 630-63

1. This memorandum is in answer to your requirement dated 7 May 1963 which requests a re-examination of the long container near the new wharf at Guba Okolnaya, USSR.

2. Reanalysis of terrestrial photography (CIA 849319 and 849326 dated [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] indicates that the crate-like container is 50 to 60 feet long. The [REDACTED] photography was utilized to supplement the terrestrial photography. The reliability of precise measurements is degraded since the amount of skew (the angle of the image of interest to the focal plane) is unknown. However, it should be noted that the container is sitting immediately adjacent to the embankment containing the arch-roof building. [REDACTED] photography indicates that this embankment, the side of the arch-roof building, the front of the frame building, and the edge of the new wharf are all in parallel planes. Since the sides of either of the structures or the container could be seen it is believed that they are all in planes nearly parallel to the focal plane. Since the shadow of the container falls against the embankment it is immediately adjacent to the embankment. This shadow exhibits no unusual configuration and the container is thought to be square or rectangular. The opposite end of the container was believed to have had a cone-shaped protrusion. Proportional metrical analysis combined with the stereoscopic image indicates that this shape is probably on the embankment immediately behind the container. The unavailability of the original uncropped negatives substantially degraded the metrical and photo analysis of this project.

3. This container could accommodate a missile such as the naval associated missile displayed in the Moscow parade. However it would seem unlikely that a missile in a shipping crate would be located here rather than at the nearby Severomorsk Naval Missile Facility. It would seem more likely that a missile on some type of transporter and previously checked-out would be seen in the area of the wharf near the submarine and loading cranes. No missile checkout facilities were apparent in the immediate area on either photo coverage.

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4. The photo analyst on this project is [] and he may be contacted on extension [] should you have any further questions concerning this project.

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5. This project is considered to be complete.

Enclosures:

- 1 - Annotated [] enlargement of subject area (CIA/PID/MEB-P-75/63).

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